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In re Application of
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For: INTEGRATED BACTERIA ENZYME
STRAW/BARLEY MATRIX FOR PONDS,
LAKES, AQUARIUMS AND
AQUACULTURE

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This is in reply to applicant's "Petition to Rescind" and payment of a petition fee, which was filed on March 17, 2003.

35 U.S.C. 122(b) requires the United States Patent and Trademark Office to publish utility and plant applications filed on or after November 29, 2000, unless, on filing, applicant requested nonpublication with the required certification.

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If applicant desires a refund of the petition fee (\$130.00) paid, applicant may request a refund.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 to await further examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703)308-8122.

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